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The purpose of this E-mail memorandum is to notify staff of changes within the Home Court Advantage, Inc. (HCA), Residential Child Care Agency (RCCA). HCA IV is a newly licensed operating site serving eight (8) males, ages 16 – 21. HCA plans to transition youth who have successfully completed the HCA program and maintained the highest level of achievement within the program for a minimum of three (3) months, into HCA IV. The program will focus on continuing development of independent living skills for the youth, in conjunction with skills training and education provided by the Bolivar R-I Schools at the on-ground classroom. HCA IV meets the licensing requirements to provide basic core, residential treatment and intensive residential treatment services.

The RCCA license for HCA II has been amended to serve 8 males, ages 8-14, (changed from 16-21), and the HCA III license is amended to serve 18 males, ages 14-18 (changed from 8-14). There have been no changes to the RCCA license for HCA I. All sites continue to target "dually diagnosed" (mentally retarded and/or developmentally delayed residents) who are in need of intensive (Children's Division [CD] Level IV) residential treatment services. HCA will continue to have the capacity to offer a step-down to CD Level III on a case by case basis.

Please feel free to contact Fred Proebsting, State Supervisor, Residential Program Unit, at 573-751-4920, if you have any questions or comments regarding this matter.

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